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Patent Claims

1. Method for storing search features of an image sequence,
a) in which the search features are determined from the image sequence,
5 b) in which the search features are stored together with the image sequence,
2. Method as claimed in claim 1,
in which the search features are audio data and/or video data of the image sequence.
- 10 3. Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
in which, for a purposeful access within the image sequence, the search features
contain a reference to an image within the image sequence.
- 15 4. Method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 3,
in which the search features are prefixed to the image sequence.
5. Method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 3,
in which the search features are appended to the image sequence.
- 20 6. Method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 3,
in which the search features are stored in the image sequence.
- 25 7. Method as claimed in claim 6,
in which the search features for an image scene that is initiated by an intraimage that
is defined according to the MPEG standard are prefixed to the intraimage.
8. Method as claimed in claim 7,
in which every image scene is stored in a database.

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9. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
in which, for several objects that are contained in the image sequence according to
image coding standards, separate search features for the several objects are
respectively stored with the image sequence.

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10. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
in which the search features can be unambiguously identified by a predetermined
start code (HEADER).

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